

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Alexander et al.	Art Unit:	3736
Appl. No:	09/882,363	Examiner:	Jonathan M. Foreman
File Date:	June 15, 2001	Docket No.:	3104/105
Customer No.:	75059	Conf. No.:	6739
Invention:	Assessing the Condition of a Joint and Preventing Damage		

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this paper in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 11, 2009 pertaining to the response filed September 18, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.